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The city in the dead of night...
Down in the financial district...
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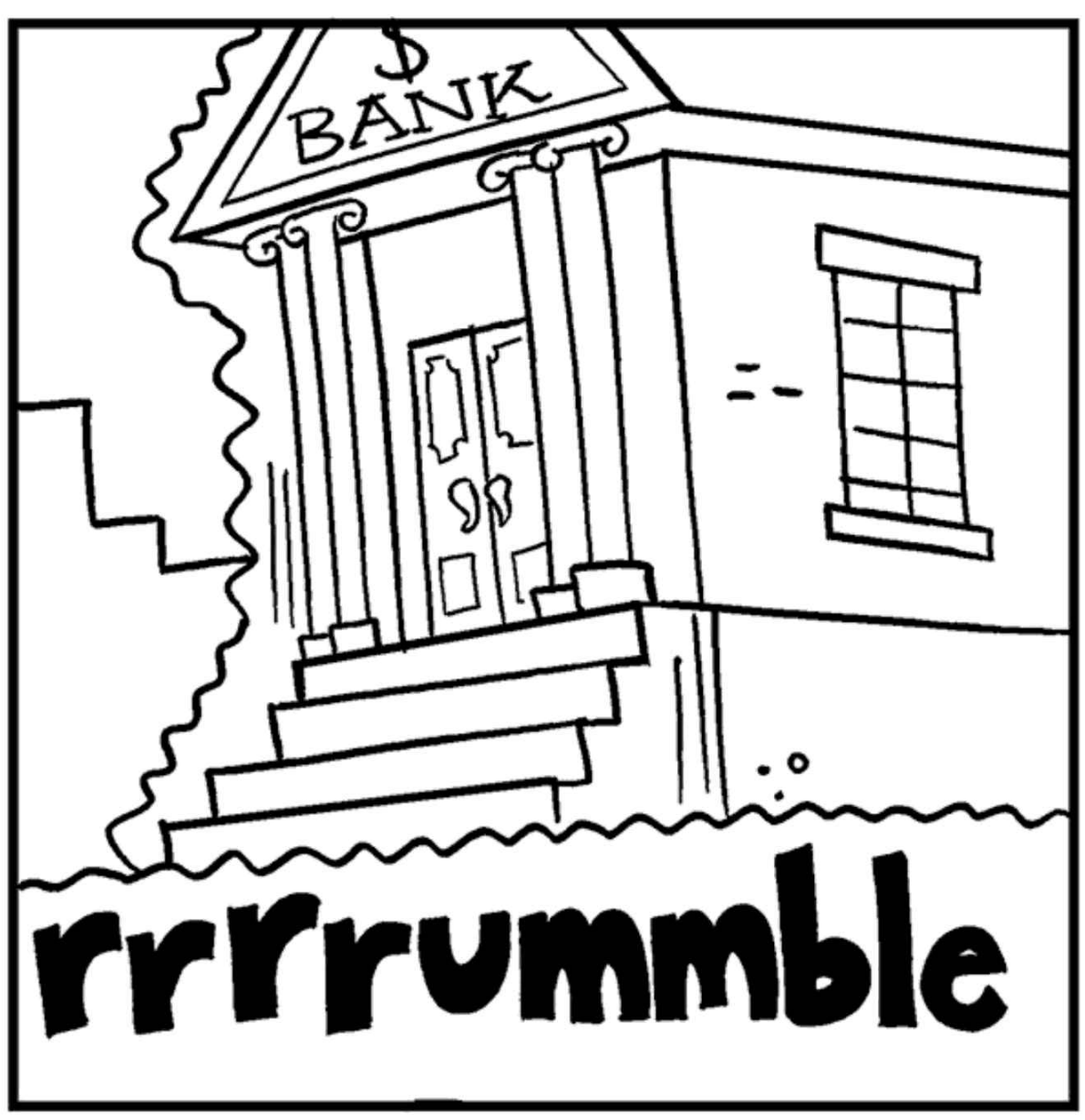
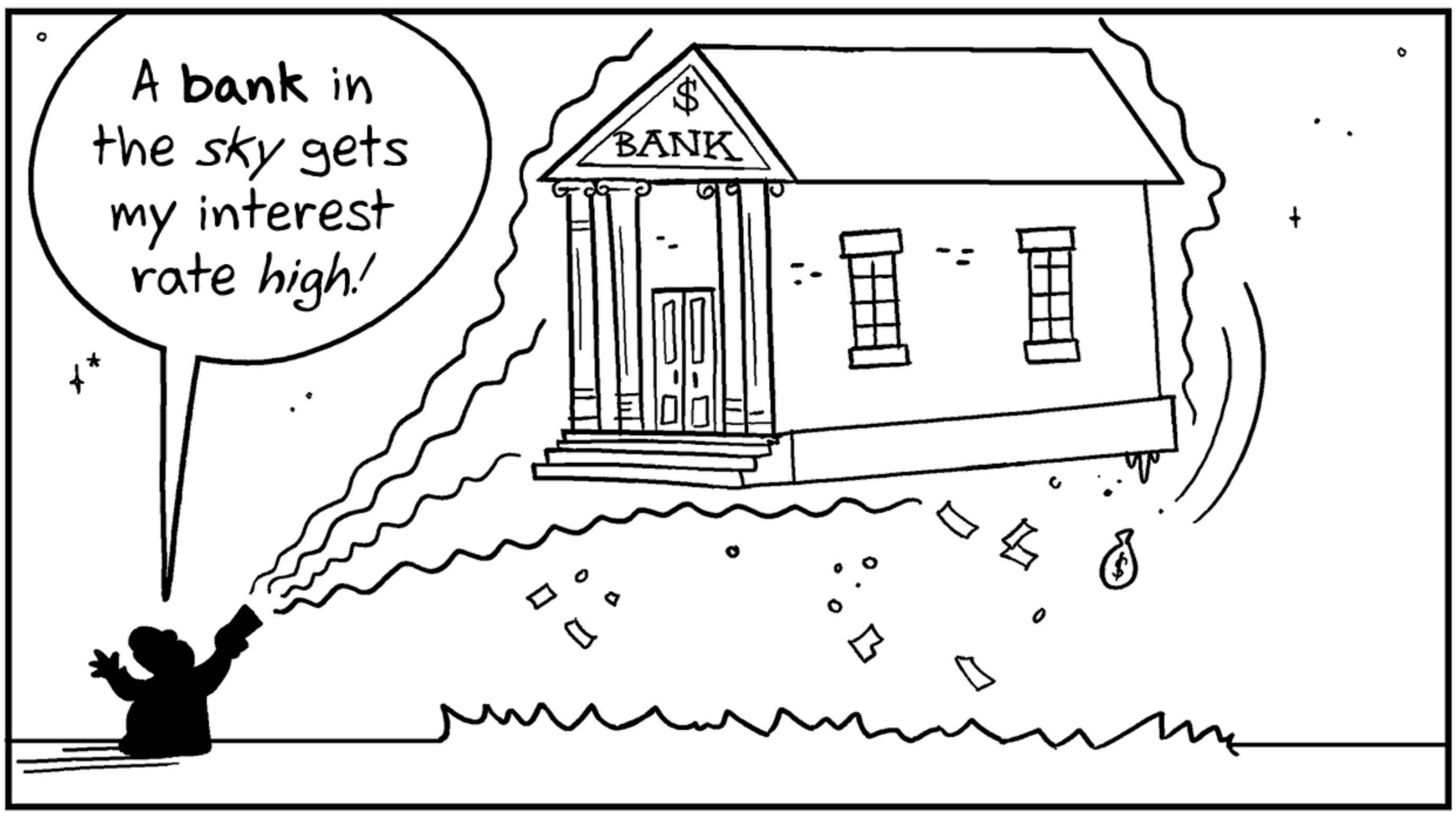
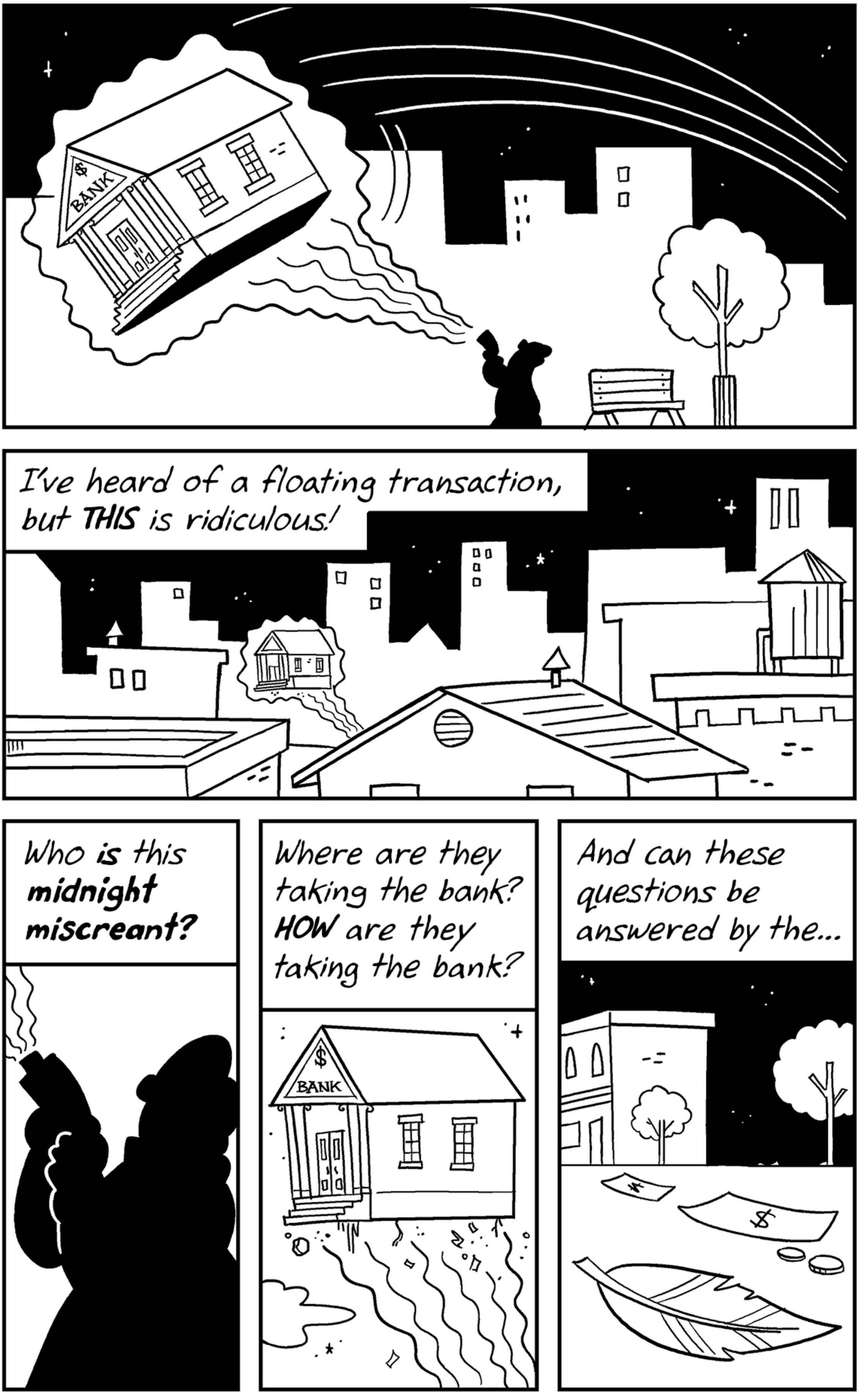
BANK
...a shadowy figure...
RE-ELECT
VOTE
FOR
COUNCILMAN
MANN

...makes an **overnight overdraft!**






$ BANK
I've heard of a floating transaction, but THIS is ridiculous!
Who is this midnight miscreant?
Where are they taking the bank? HOW are they taking the bank?
$ BANK
And can these questions be answered by the...

INVESTIGATORS!

vrp

Mango! Brash! Report to **S.U.I.T.*** **Headquarters** *ON THE DOUBLE!*

We're already on the double, boss...

...a *DOUBLE-DECKER BUS!*

COLE'S LAW: THE MUSICAL!

*Special Undercover Investigation Teams

Oh! I see - *LOOK OUT!* There's a **stop light** ahead!

I'll just use this **remote** in my V.E.S.T.* to turn the light green!

ZAP!

Um...

I can't tell if the light changed.

Ugh, this V.E.S.T.'s **driver** is out of date. And speaking of *driving*...

The top light still means **STOP** and the bottom one's **GO**, right?

SCREE

HONK

BEEP

UPTOWN

COLES LAW:THE MUSICAL!

VROOM

SCREE

*Very Exciting Spy Technology

General Inspector, it's a little hard to drive with your *FACE* blocking the road!

Oh, sorry!

Does it help if I duck down?

That reminds me, darling. Let's be sure our hotel pillows aren't **duck down.**

You're allergic to **goose** down, dear, not **duck.**

DUCK, GOOSE—

TAG! YOU'RE IT!

MANGO! This is no time to play **nursery school games** with tourists!

Sorry, Brash!

We'll be there in a ***jiffy,*** G.I.! Mango and I just have to *SAVE THESE TOURISTS!*

BEEP! vr+

STOMP!

LAW: THE MUSICAL!

COLE'S LAW: THE MUSICAL

SCREECH!

You SAVED us...

...from having to pay FULL PRICE for these musical tickets!

COLE'S LAW: The Musical
You'll be-leaf a cabbage can SING!

BOX OFFICE

MATINEE
All tickets before noon half off!

C'mon, Mango! A **short cut** through the **sewers** is the quickest way to S.U.I.T. HQ!

Right behind ya, Brash!

ZAP!

SCRONCH! RUMBLE RUMBLE

Unseen by the hustle and bustle of the city streets above...

...our heroes **plunge** through the plumbing below!

But these pipes don't lead to a **sewage treatment plant...**

They flow to a covert **CRIME-BUSTING BASE!**

Sorry, this is CLASSIFIED!

Ah, there's nothing quite like the sensation of emerging from a **toilet!**

Mango...?

Uh, Brash?

I think I took a **wrong turn** again.

Here, try *this*. No, don't - that bends the *OTHER* way...

=UNF!=

=Hurk!=

OOF! =struggle= OUCH!

Almost... GOT IT!

Eh, this isn't the *WORST* cake I've ever had.

Ah, **C-ORB***. Sorry for the delay.

Welcome back, Gators.

I know you're short on **pages** - *I mean,* **TIME** - so your sewer decontamination procedure...

...will be a QUICK SPRITZ!

LEMON WEDGIE

ACK! My **EYE!**

SPRITZ SPRITZ SPRITZ

I'm *EVERYBODY'S* eye!

*Computerized Ocular Remote Butler

Shortly after...

GENERAL INSPECTOR

pat pat pat

MANGO AND **BRASH** REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!

InvestiGators, good.

Sorry, I'm having trouble with my TV. I can't get the picture to show up in **COLOUR.**

Anyway, last night someone *STOLE THE BANK!*

Do you mean someone *ROBBED* the bank?

No, I mean they **STOLE** the **WHOLE BUILDING.** *Look!*

LIVE—BREAKING NEWS

This is **Cici Boringstories,** reporting for *Action News Now.* I'm on the scene of the ***biggest bank heist*** this city's ever seen!

What's *NOT* on the scene is...the **BANK!**

Why didn't you *lock up* yesterday?!

It's *YOUR* **vault, so it's *YOUR* fault!**

One thing's for sure: everyone's investments... are *GONE!*

My investments? DOGGONE IT!

?

Mango and Brash... your mission is to *find* those ***funds,*** and *capture* the ***culprit!***

And speaking of inVESTments, you two gotta get new V.E.S.T.s!

I won't have my agents driving irresponsibly and running white— *er,* **red** lights!

C'mon, Brash! Let's go see **Sven Septapus** at **A.R.M.S.***!

Gators! Need custom V.E.S.T.s for an undercover assignment?

No, just a quick **refit,** Sven.

The ones we're wearing have lost their *lustre.*

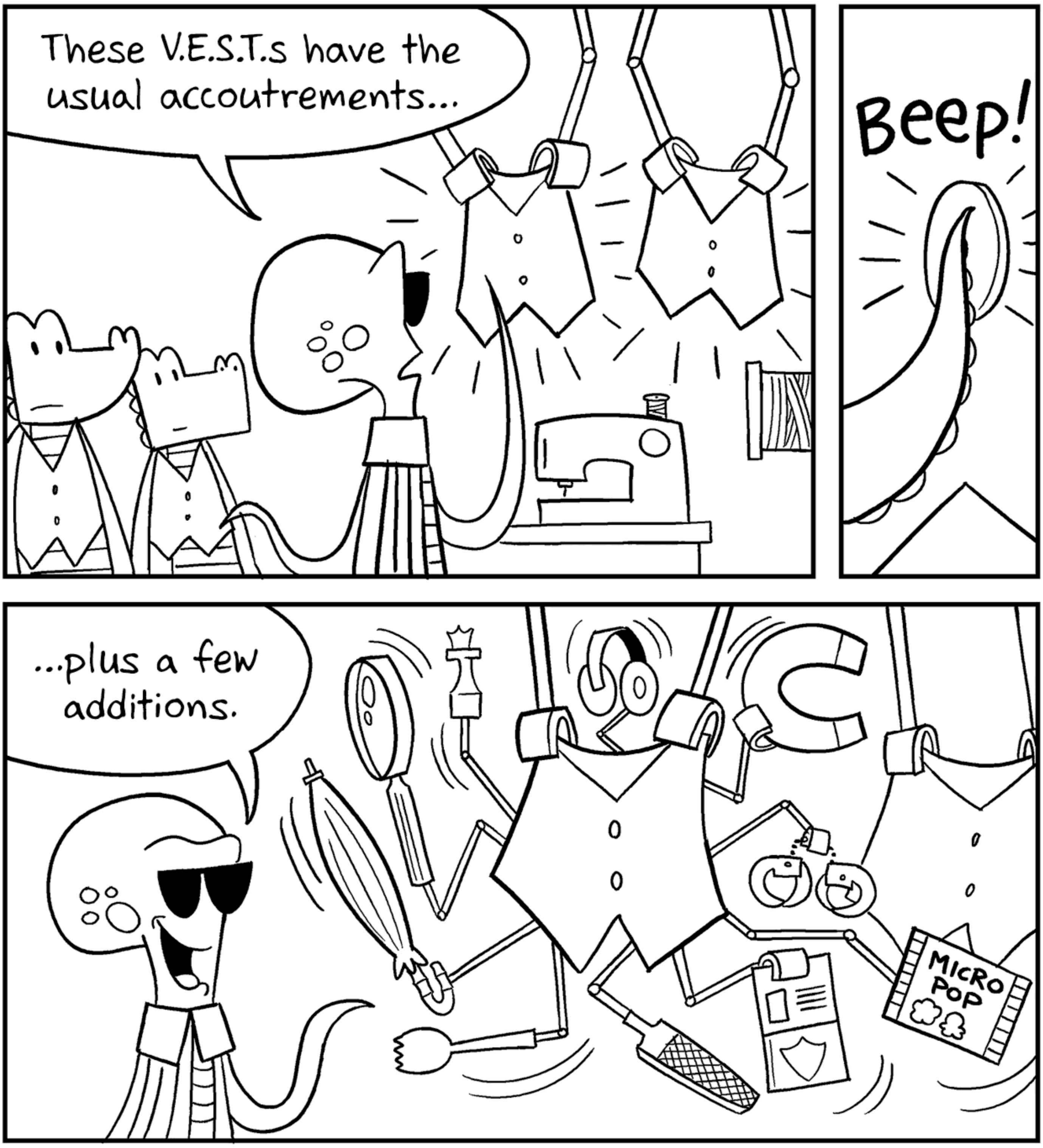
A.R.M.S.

APPAREL RESEARCH and MANUFACTURING

So it seems.

You're in luck, because I just finishing ***sewing*** these ***seams!***

*Apparel Research and Manufacturing Section


These V.E.S.T.s have the usual accoutrements...
Beep!
...plus a few additions.
MICRO POP
Ooooh, and **snacks**, too!
Nice work as always, Sven.
ZIP
ZEP
BOOP
ZOP

This colour is *indescribable!* What would you call it, Sven?

Uh...

Save the small talk for later, Mango. We've got a **banknapper** to nab!

Try to keep those *CLEAN* for at least a page or two, will ya?

Sure thing, Sven!

Now, Brash, let's flush ourselves *BACK* into the **SEWER!**

SIGH Why do I even try?

A couple of reverse-flushed toilets later...

COFFEE & CANS

"Have a pot, then hop on the pot"

Now THIS tastes like **cake.**

WHO SPLASHED **POTTY WATER** ALL OVER THE BATHROOM FLOOR?!

With us now is an **EYEWITNESS** who saw the *WHOLE THING!*

Really I only saw HALF. I'm a **ONE-eyed witness!**

I'm in town on *vay-cay*, as they say. At a **B&B** is where I stay!

I was about to have a light midnight snack, but was *disturbed* by a **strange rumblin'!**

What's that strange rumblin'?!

rummble rumble

I ran to the window in my **silk PJs** and saw a SHADOWY FIGURE levitatin' the bank with a **magic wand** or some such!

BANK

They's musta been some sorta **MAGICIAN!**

A MAGICIAN BANK ROBBER?

Could it have been **HOUDINO**, the **dinosaur escape artist?** His stage show was kinda *magician-adjacent.* Before he turned to ***crime,*** anyway.

Isn't he still locked up?

bip

I've lost track, to be honest.

Plus, Houdino wouldn't have left behind so much **CASH.**

This thief took the building's worthless *BRICK* bricks, but left behind the valuable *GOLD* bricks!

Hang on... What's *THIS*?!

A GIANT CHICKEN FEATHER?

How many GIANT CHICKENS do we know capable of moving a building with a **'magic wand'**?

Hmm...

Mango, it's—

Gimme a second, gimme a second...

IT'S DR. DOODLE—

—DOO!

Dr. Doodledoo. See? I *knew* I'd get it.

But I Dr. Doodle***DON'T*** believe it! Sure, he's a scientist who makes *unsafe, unreliable, unregulated* **laser beams,** but that's just how science is! It doesn't make him a **bad guy!** He's even helped *us* out in the past!

Bruh!

HEY! This **shadowy figure** you saw last night. Did they look like a BIG CHICKEN?

To tell ya the truth, in all this **hullabaloo,** I still haven't *eaten* yet...

...so *EVERYTHING* looks like a **big chicken** to me right now.

Oooooookaaayyyyy then...

C'mon, Mango.

Let's see if we can find our ***fowl friend*** where he regularly roosts.

A chicken coop?

No, where all the **science** is made...the **Science Factory!**

Meanwhile...

HOSPITAL

Just a nice, normal day at the hospital for ol' **Dr. Jake Hardbones,** brain surgeon.

It's all I've ever wanted since that very *UN*-NORMAL day I was *bitten* by that **rabid news helicopter!**

PEEK-A-BOO
ICU

RUMBLE RUMBLE

WHAT'S THAT RUMBLING?!

RRRUMMBLE

GASP!

HOSPITAL

HOSPITAL

The hospital... is *HOVERING!*

VRM

This is so incredibly **NEWSWORTHY!**

I can't resist the *urge*... to ***transform*** from Dr. Jake Hardbones...

...into the *Action News Now* **HELICOPTER IN THE SKY!**

NEWS

CHOO CHEE CHU CHI CHOO

HOSPITAL

As a **COPTER,** I'm compelled to report the news...

NEWS

...such as this figure below zapping the hospital with some kind of **LASER BEAM!**

VRM

But as a **DOCTOR,** I must give aid to all the patients who need it in the hospital!!!

NEWS

HOSPITAL

VRM

Such is the internal struggle of...**DOCTOR COPTER!**

DOCTOR?
COPTER?
DOCTOR?
COPTER?
DOCTOR?
COPTER?
—DOCTOR!
AAAAA
You don't see a flying hospital every day, do ya, Amber?
You sure don't, Lance.
WHAM!
You okay, Dr. Hardbones?
:URK:
:EEK:
You can call me Dr. **BROKEN**bones now...

We're almost at the Science Factory, Mango. This way!

BRASH! Hold up!

Is it me, or was there a **hospital** here?

Dr. Hardbones?! What happened?

InvestiGators?

Someone...hijacked the hospital...with a **laser beam!**

Was it by any chance a rather **large chicken** who may have also stolen an entire **BANK?**

PLEASE! Don't say anything to me that's so **NEWSWORTHY!**

Doctor Copter got a brief look at them. If you happen to have a **USB cable,** I can upload the video to your V.E.S.T.

vrp!

PLUG!

Clearly that's no **magic wand.** But it's hard to be sure if that's Dr. Doodledoo all *bundled up* in that **burglar get-up.**

We've got the **feather**... We've seen the suspect with a **strange scientific sceptre**...

=HNGF!= Here you go.

POP!

EW...

Now we just need to *catch* this chicken before he *FLIES THE COOP!!*

YOWCH!

I'm glad you agree, but that's a weird way to spell 'YEAH!'

I stepped on something sharp!

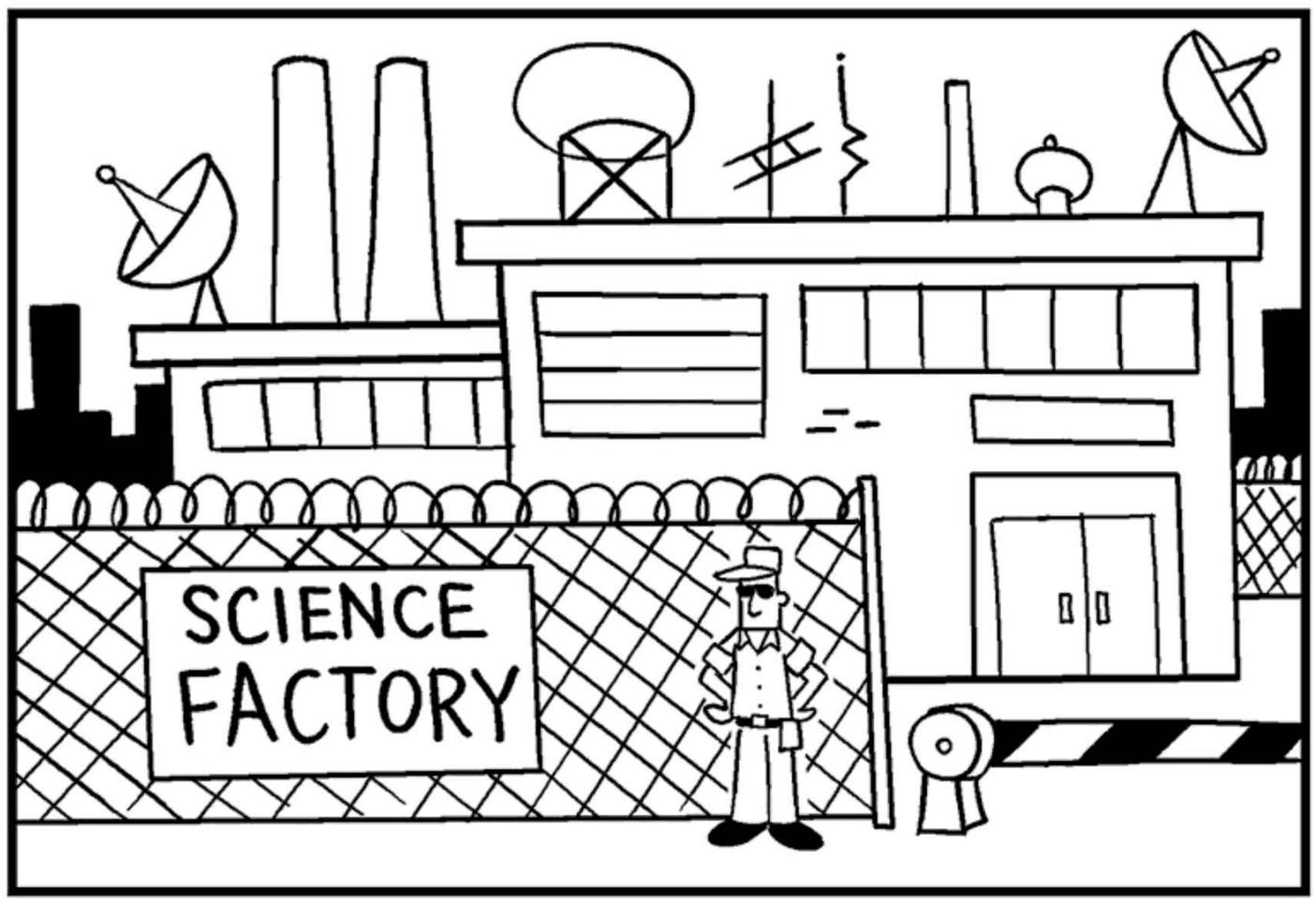
VOTE

Vote?

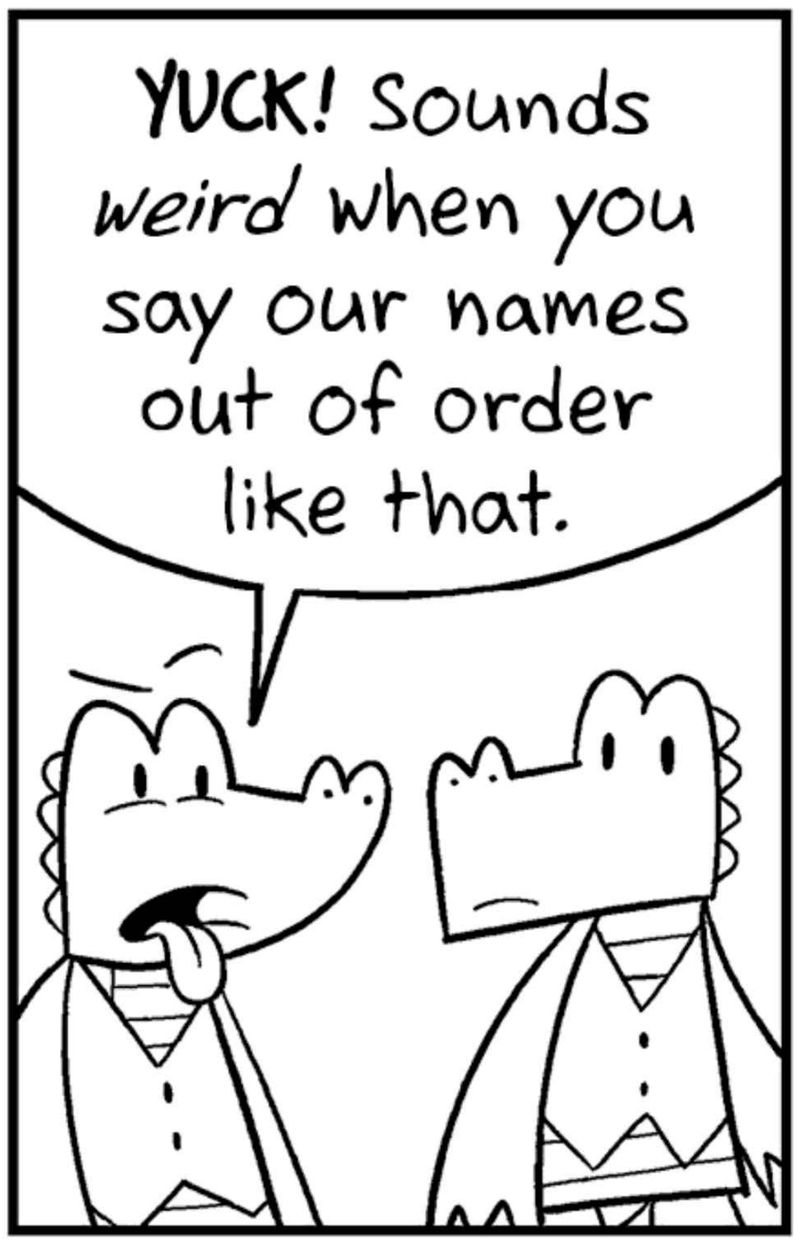
Vote for *WHAT?*

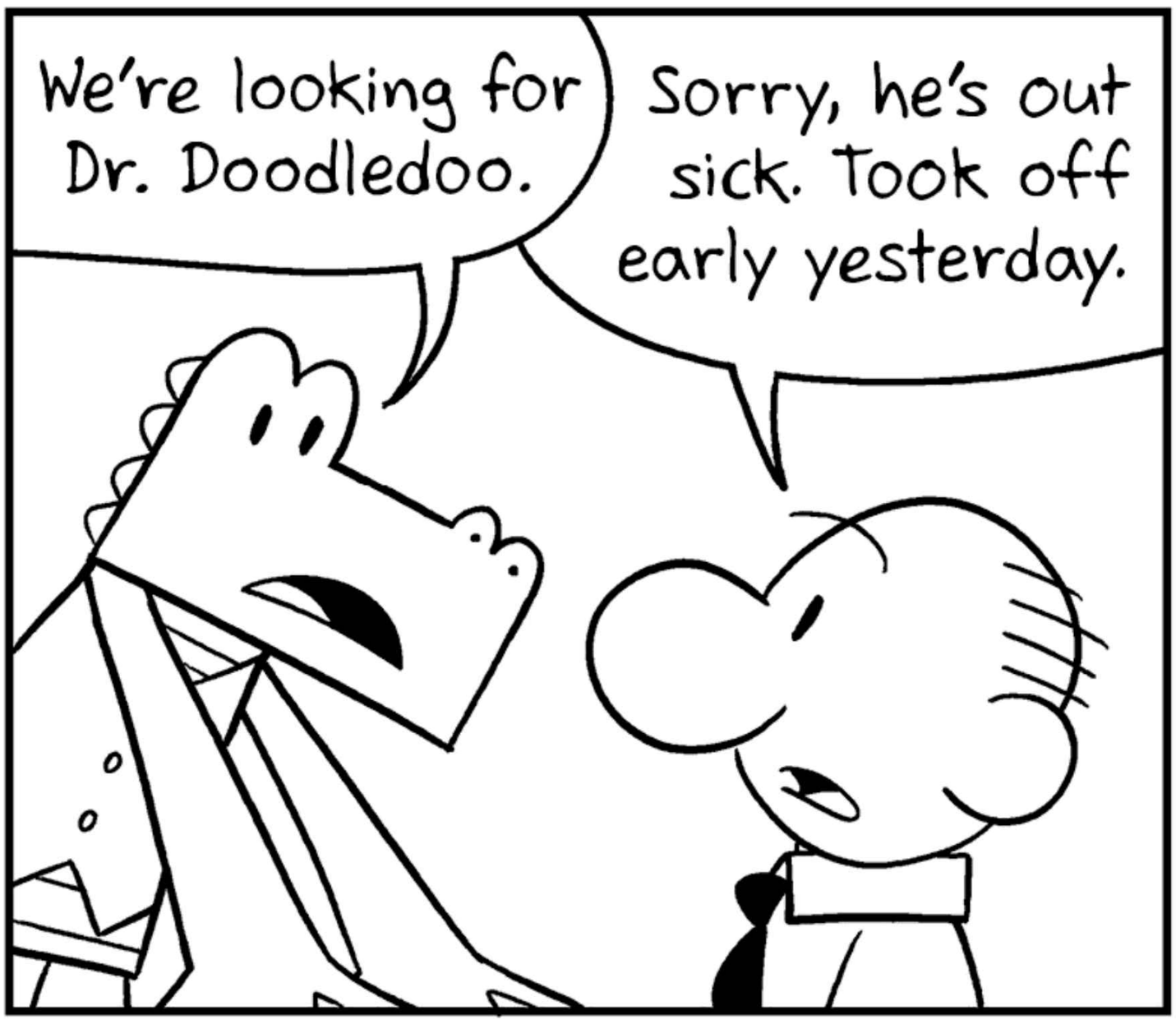
VOTE

I'm voting for ***less litter!*** LET'S GO!


SCIENCE FACTORY

InvestiGators, Brash and Mango.
WELCOME to the WORLD of SCIENCE!


YUCK! Sounds *weird* when you say our names out of order like that.


We're looking for Dr. Doodledoo.
Sorry, he's out sick. Took off early yesterday.

Left plenty of himself *behind*, though...

Maybe there's better video footage here connecting him to the crime...
Can we see your security tapes?

Yesterday, the **city council** came in for a tour near the end of the day.

Councilwoman Edsel, Councilman Mann, and Councilclown Fluffles.

What about earlier, when Dr. Doodledoo was still here?

REW

THERE he is! And all *bundled up*, just like our **building burglar!**

What's all this about ***foul deeds*** and our ***favourite fowl?***

Ah, **Head Scientist!** We're not sure yet. Could we see what Doodledoo's been doodledoing in his lab?

I did this just yesterday with the city council! Dr. Doodledoo had gone home, so I stepped in as tour guide.

Why were they here?

There's an upcoming vote on city redistricting, and the factory might lose funding—

BOOORING! Show us the **COOL INVENTIONS** already!

Of course. This is Dr. Doodledoo's **LASER LAB.**

Doo's gotta lotta rays— *WAIT!* It looks like one is *missing*...

TICKLE RAY

POKE RAY

STING RAY

What's a **LEVITASER?**

LEVITASER

It's a ***laser*** that can ***levitate*** things. *Duh.*

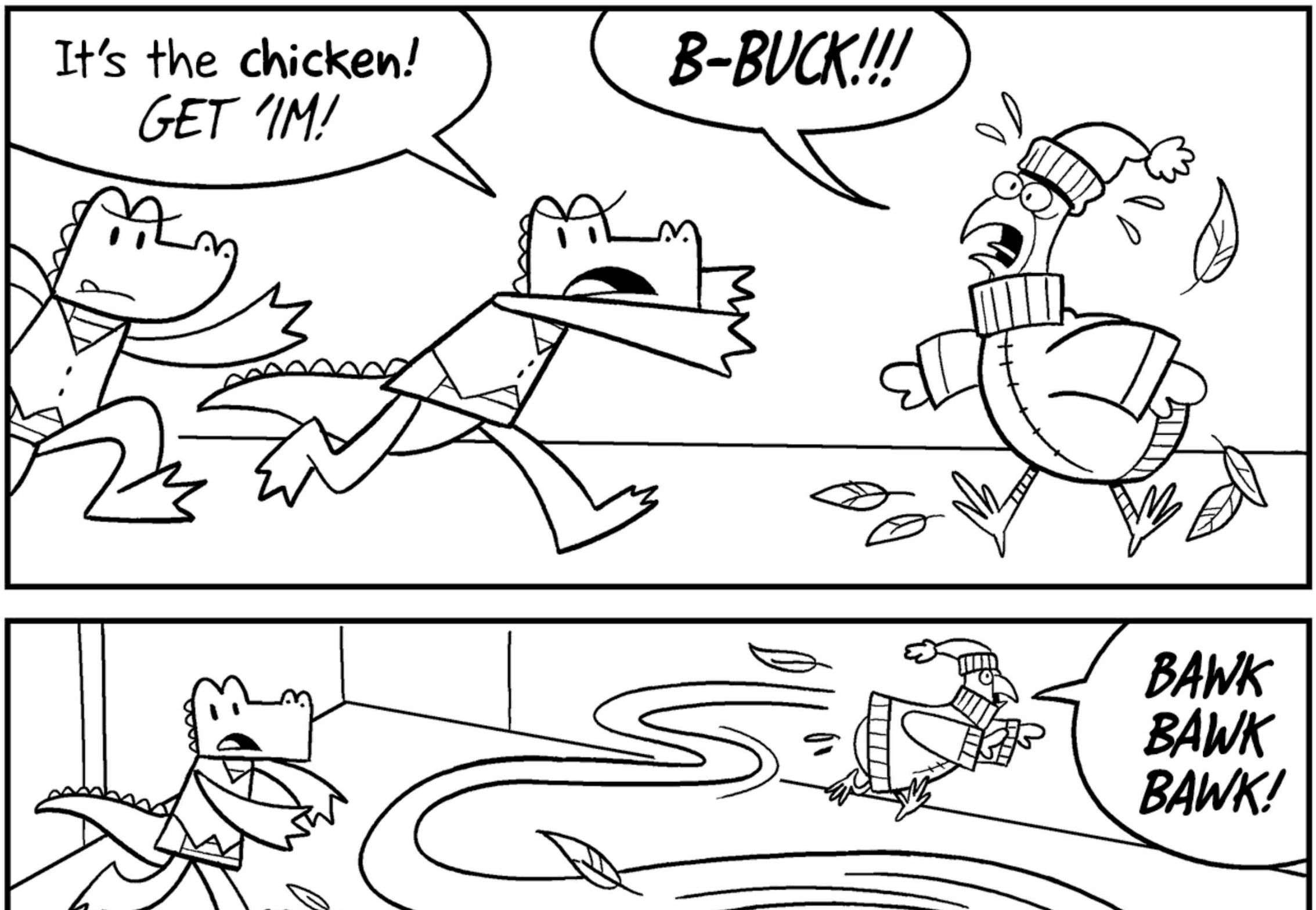
I just showed it to the city council yesterday. It's powerful enough to *MOVE MOUNTAINS!* Dr. Doodledoo must've taken it to work on it at home.

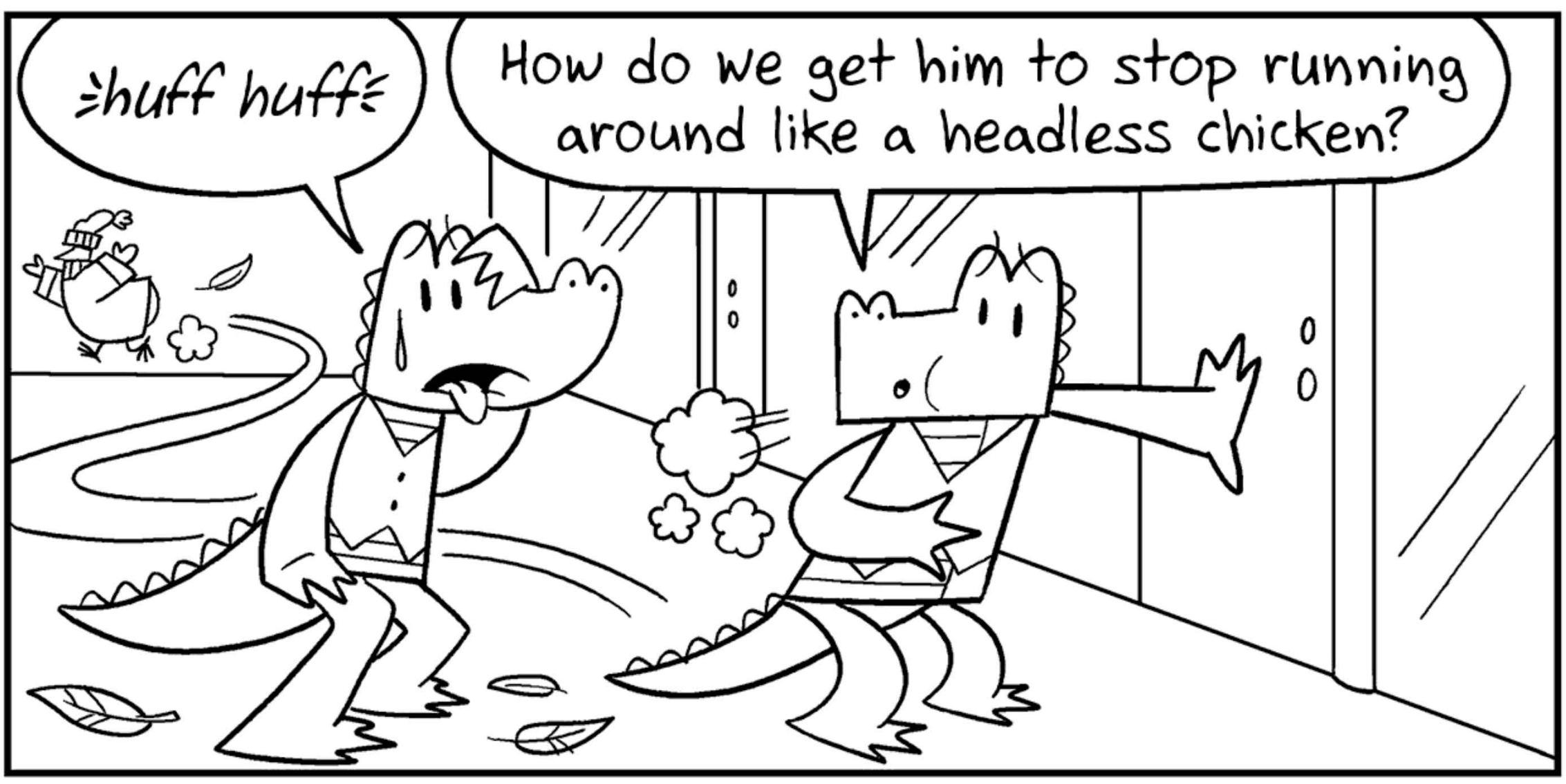
LEVITASER

A laser that can move mountains? A city council that can pull funding? Taking a 'sick' day?

That's **means, motive,** *AND* **opportunity** to steal a whole bank. I gotta admit, it's not looking good for Dr. Doodledoo.

What's not looking good, bruh?


It's the chicken! GET 'IM!
B-BUCK!!!
BAWK BAWK BAWK!
PAUSE, POULTRY!


=huff huff=
How do we get him to stop running around like a headless chicken?

DING!

I've GOT IT!

Not that. Wrong gadget.

THIS one!

MICRO POP

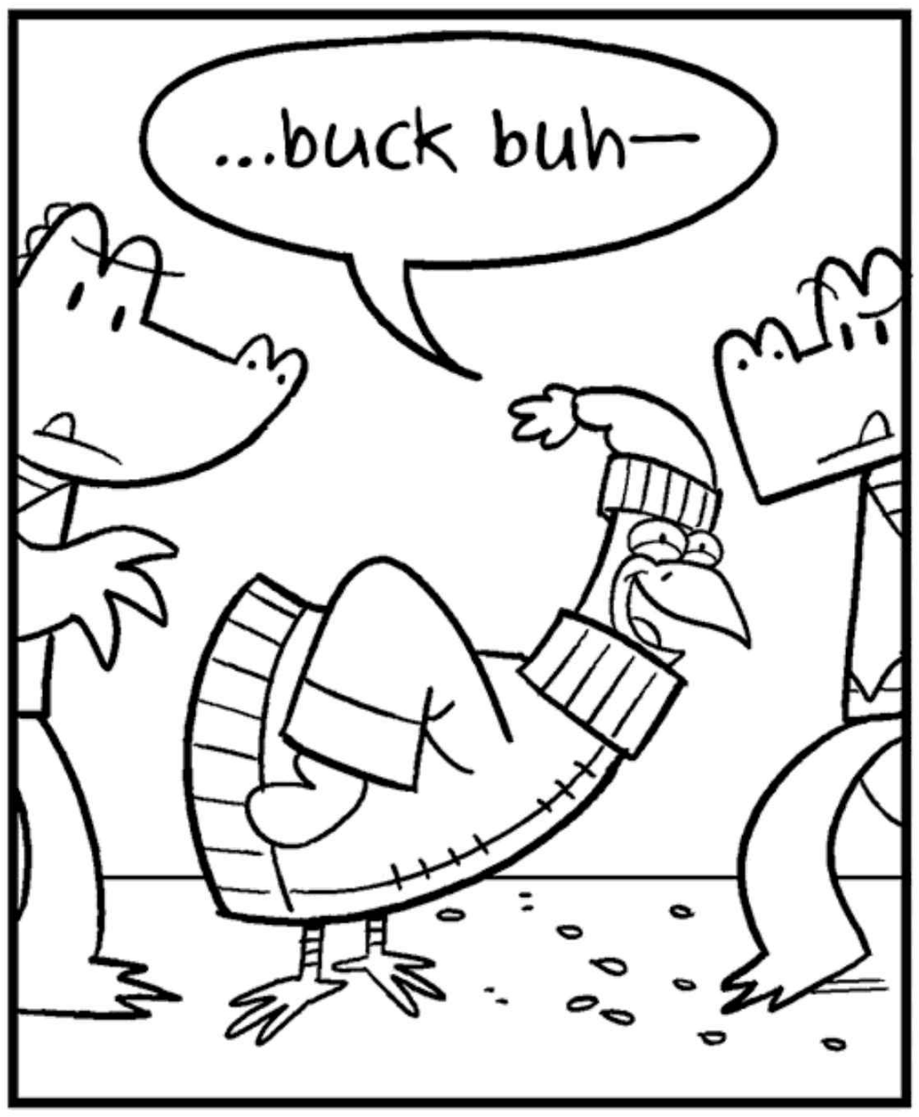
SHRRIPPT

MICRO POP

Ooh, corn!

SCREEE!

buck buck buck buck...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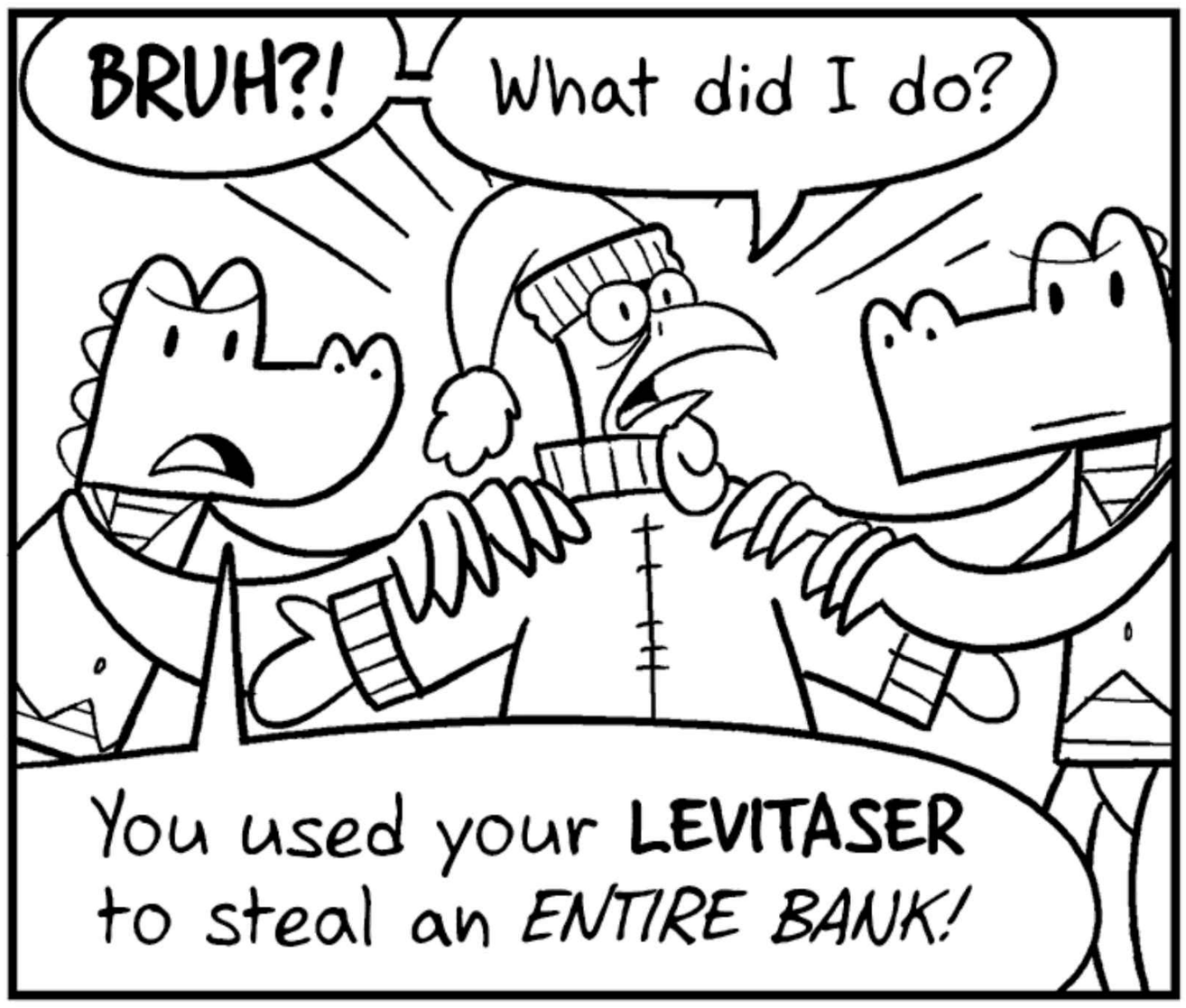
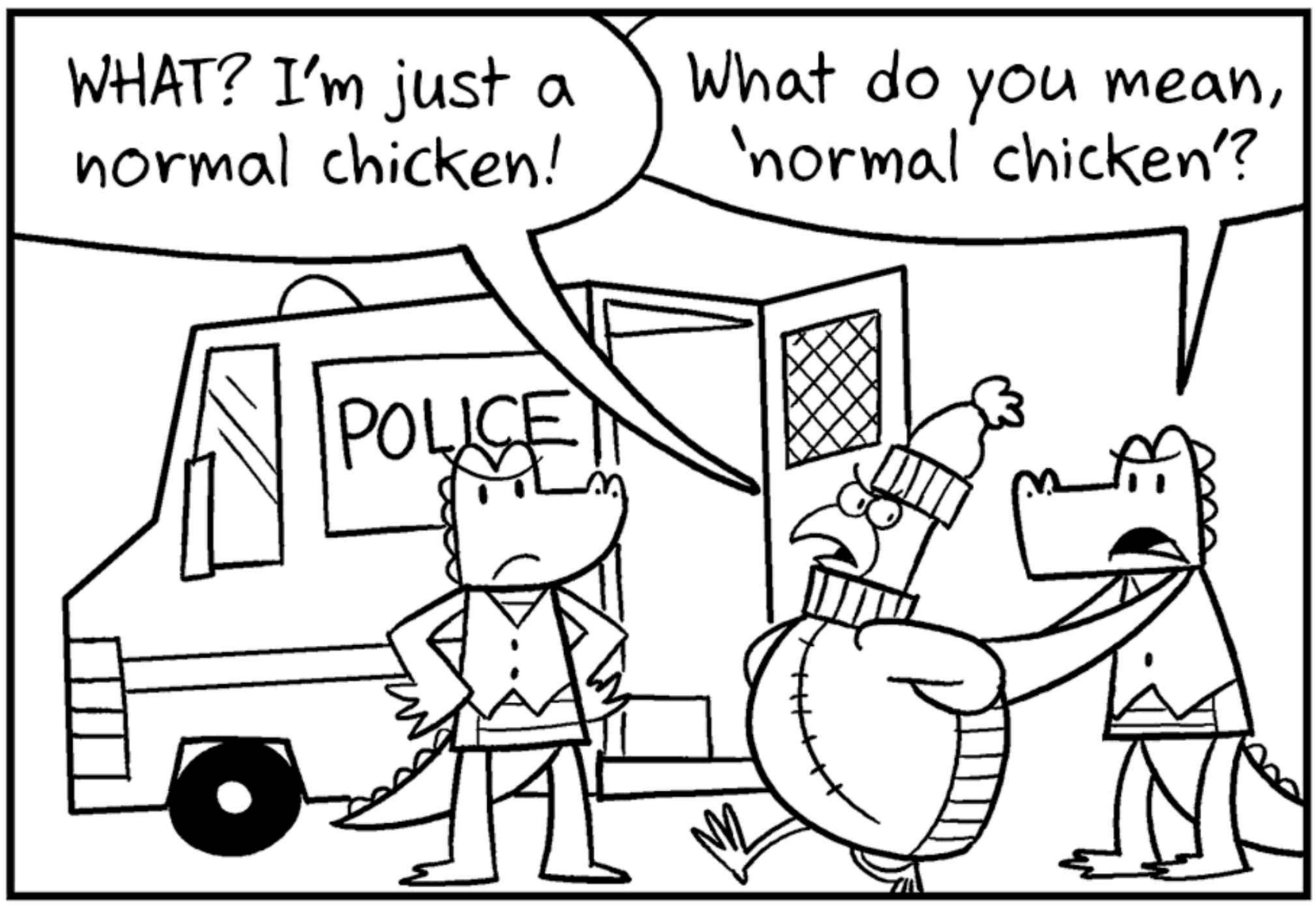
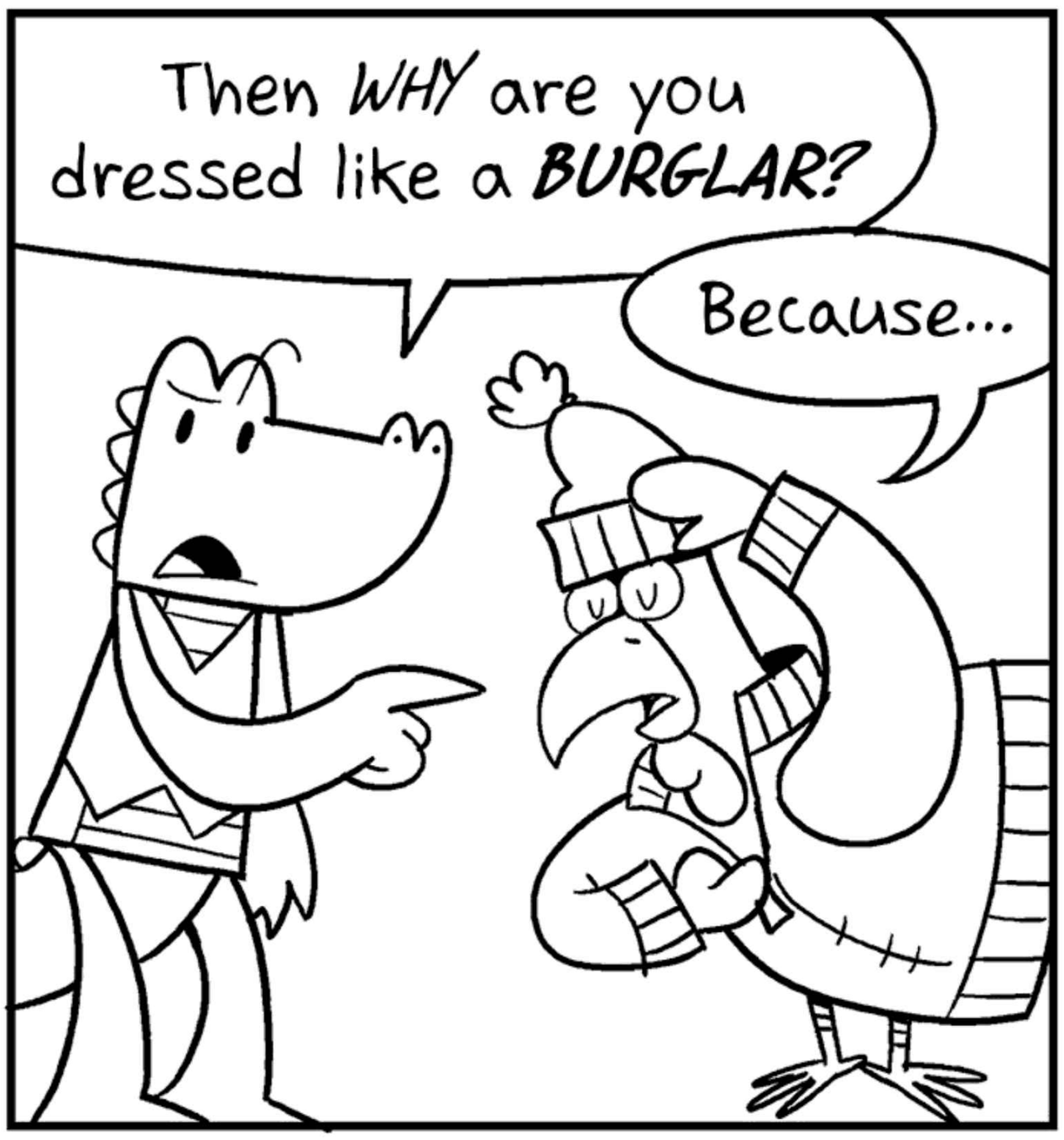
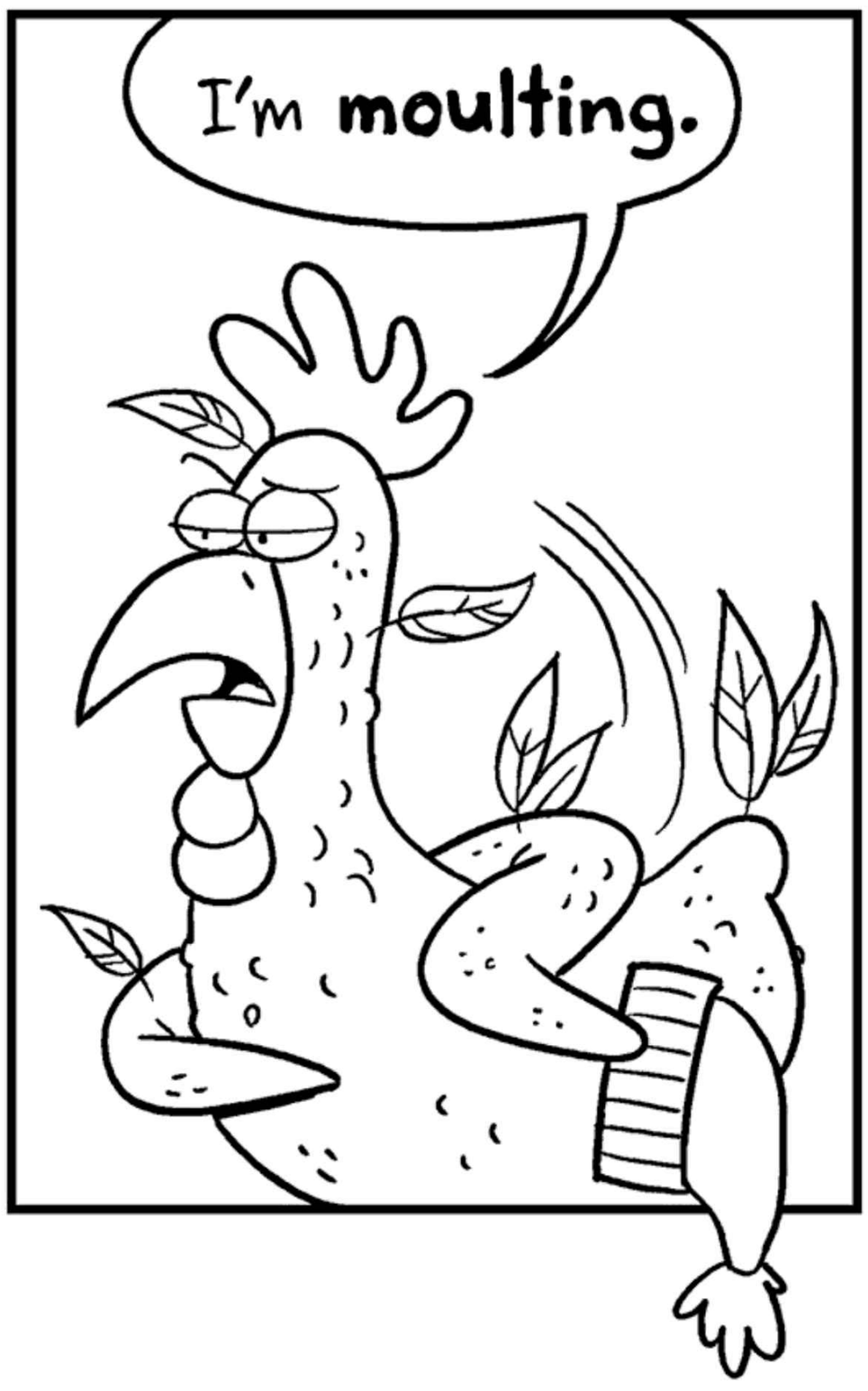

BRUH?!
What did I do?
You used your LEVITASER to steal an ENTIRE BANK!


WHAT? I'm just a normal chicken!
What do you mean, 'normal chicken'?
POLICE

I'm just an innocent chicken!


Then WHY are you dressed like a BURGLAR?
Because...


I'm moulting.

Ah, so *THAT'S* why you stole the **hospital,** too!

NO! I can regrow feathers on my own. I just didn't want anyone to ***see!***

I was at **home** all day! I came to pick up some work because I was bored and *COOPED UP!*

Meaning YOU have **NO ALIBI!** *Take him away!*

SLAM!

I feel *conflicted* about this, Brash. Dr. Doodledoo has always been a **good guy.**

If this makes him *NOT* good... does it mean he's **EVIL?**

Things aren't always **black and white,** Mango.

Though it sure does *feel* like it today.

Our mission isn't over yet, Mango. We still need that chicken to *SQUAWK*, or we might never find the **missing buildings.**

InvestiGators! More buildings have *VANISHED!* You need to crack this case PRONTO! A **grocery store** floated into the sky only ***FIVE MINUTES AGO!***

But...five minutes ago we were chasing Doodledoo through ***THIS*** building. How could he have *levitased* ***THAT*** building at the same time?

Hmm... TIME to rethink our **evidence.**

We only found ONE feather at the **bank.** And Dr. Doodledoo's been shedding them *EVERYWHERE.*

Yet we *DIDN'T* find a feather at the **hospital.** But I *DID* step on that **VOTE** badge... *JUST* like the ones we saw on the city council members!

Dr. Doodledoo left work yesterday morning, but according to the Head Scientist, the **levitaser** was *HERE* when the city council had their tour!

Gators! Did you forget something?

WELC to the W of SCIE

No, we're on our way to **CITY HALL!**

Through... the **bathroom?!** What will SCIENCE think of NEXT?

A speedy sewer short cut later...

CITY HALL

One of the city council members *HAS* to be responsible!

What's that rumbling?

Probably the pipes. We're *TERRIBLE* for water pressure.

RUMBLE RUMBLE

I call this council meeting to order!

BANG!

VOTE

What's all this rumbling?

My new gavel must have some **heft!**

VOTE

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

We're filing a motion to **STOP** this *sky-scraping crime spree!*

No, our next agenda item is a vote on budget adjustments due to citywide redistricting—

VOTE

YOUR BORING BUREAUCRATIC BLOVIATING WON'T MAKE US BACK DOWN!

Now, where are the rest of you **clowns?**

VOTE

Hello!

VOTE

VOTE

Well, that's one down.

Sorry I'm late. I was, er...in the bathroom—

Here's the other one!

InvestiGators? What are you doing here?

BRASH! *WE* were *just* in the bathroom, and there was ***NOBODY*** else in there.

And *LOOK!*

No **VOTE** badge.

It must have been left at the *SCENE OF THE CRIME!*

I see. In that case, I'd like to call for this **legislative session...**

...TO BE A **LEVITATIVE SESSION!**

VRMM

Whatever your **scheme** is, Councilman Mann, we won't let you do it!

'Do it'?

Vrm

Do you LEVI*GATORS* seriously think you had the *slightest chance* of affecting the will of **Councilman Mann?**

I 'did it' thirty-five seconds ago.

$ BANK

HOSPITA

By which I mean I *RELOCATED THIS VERY BUILDING!*

CITY HALL

$ BANK

HOSPITAL

That rumbling we felt when we got here! **Levitased** right under our noses!

But why move all these buildings to the **suburbs?**

Aha! Because of the redistricting vote!

VRM

Eh, no.

OH! If all the most desirable real estate was in a single location, the **property value** would *SKYROCKET!*

VRM

True...but that's not why, either.

It's part of a re-election campaign?

Nope! Wrong again.

Mann, quit ***clowning around*** and tell us!

VOTE

VOTE

Relocating buildings was *NOT* on today's agenda.

But it's *MY* agenda! I spend **HOURS** in traffic commuting into the city...

It makes me see **RED!** *BUT NO LONGER!*

In fact...I kinda don't see *ANY* colour.

$ BANK

VRM

I just wanted all the places I like in town to be *closer* to my ***house!***

SEE? There it is over there.

Hi, honey!

$ BANK

Why not just move your **house** into the **city?**

Do you know how much **CRIME** there is in the city?! Not even including the ones *I'VE* committed?

Well, your plan may be an **attractive proposition,** but my vote is *YOU'RE GROUNDED!*

WHA—?!

YOINK!

I CALL THIS **CRIMINAL** TO *ORDER!*

OOF!

VOTE

THIS is no **laughing matter.**

I was just trying to bring some *levity...*

FILIBUSTED!

Soon...

And with the last building returned to its home, so ceases Councilman Mann's dastardly plan.

I'm **Cici Boringstories,** signing off.

NEWS

Take us away, **Doctor Copter!**

I'd better make it fast! Now that all this **exciting news** is over, I'm gonna change back to a doctor *any second!*

Sorry we jumped to con**cluck**sions - *I mean,* jumped to **conclusions,** Dr. Doodledoo.

Your plumage is looking a lot better!

I feel like a brand-new peep!

YOU SAVED US!

Yes, you tourists must have had a truly tumultuous time what with the building getting tossed around.

We're happy to help!

Building got *WHAT* now?

Detective Cole got tossed around like so much salad in the second act of the play, but I don't know what *YOU* mean!

You saved us from having to call a RIDE SHARE because you waited here with the bus.

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Such nice young lizards.

We're **GATORS.**

A corrupt politician... Can you believe that?

Don't let it **colour** your opinion of all government, Mango.

Incidents like this usually only happen once in a ***blue moon.***

Brash, aren't you worried these kinds of jokes won't work in a **BLACK and WHITE** comic?

InvestiGators! This is no time for *rainbow-hued humour hunches!*

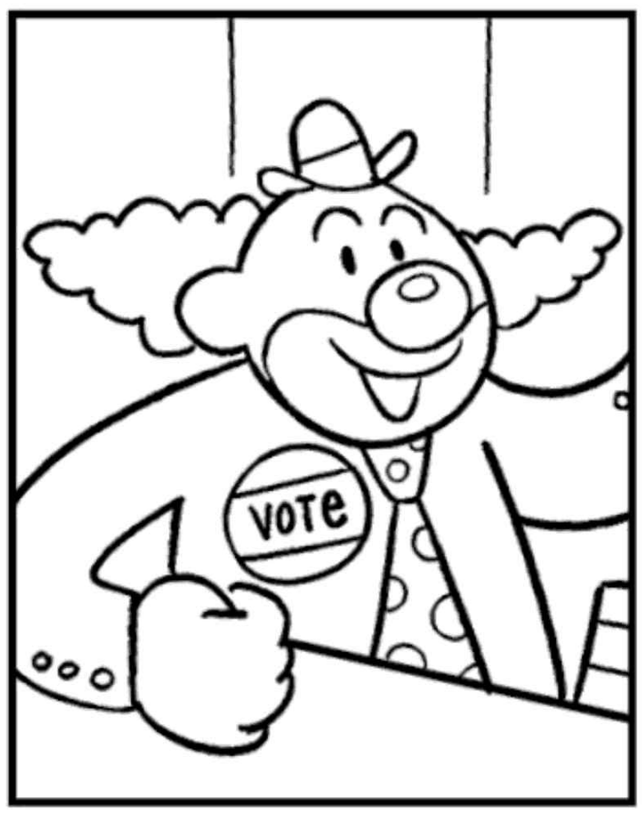
CRIME DOESN'T SLEEP!

In fact, *NO ONE* does, since all the mattresses in the city have suddenly *TURNED TO JELLY!*

We're on the case - the **PILLOW** case!

Just because it's ***THE END*** *doesn't mean the* ***InvestiGators*** *capers have been PUT TO BED!*

See you next time!



John Patrick Green is a *New York Times*-bestselling author who makes books about animals with human jobs, such as *Hippopotamister*, the Kitten Construction Company series, and the InvestiGators series. He is also the artist and co-creator of the Teen Boat! graphic novels with writer Dave Roman. John is definitely not just a bunch of animals wearing a human suit pretending to have a human job.

Christopher Hastings is a Brooklyn-based writer who is the creator of *The Adventures of Dr. McNinja* and co-creator of Marvel's *The Unbelievable Gwenpool*. He's worked on a slew of other comics like *Adventure Time*, *Five Nights at Freddy's*, and *I Am Groot*. He'll never tell you which gator is his favorite.

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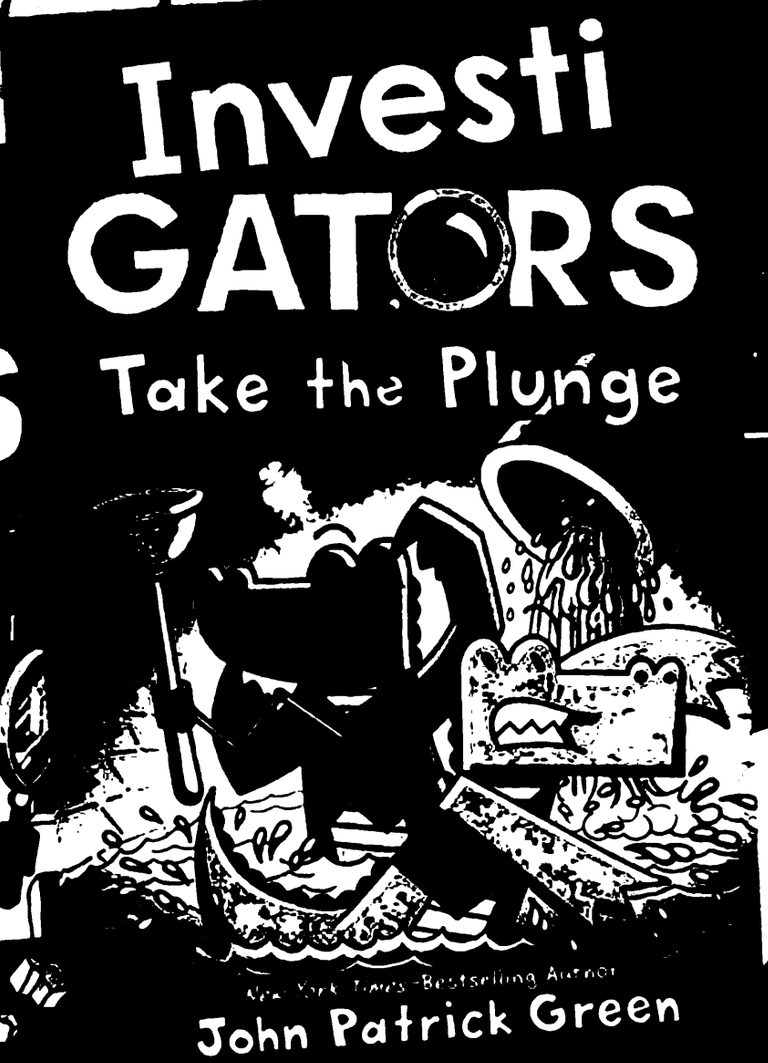

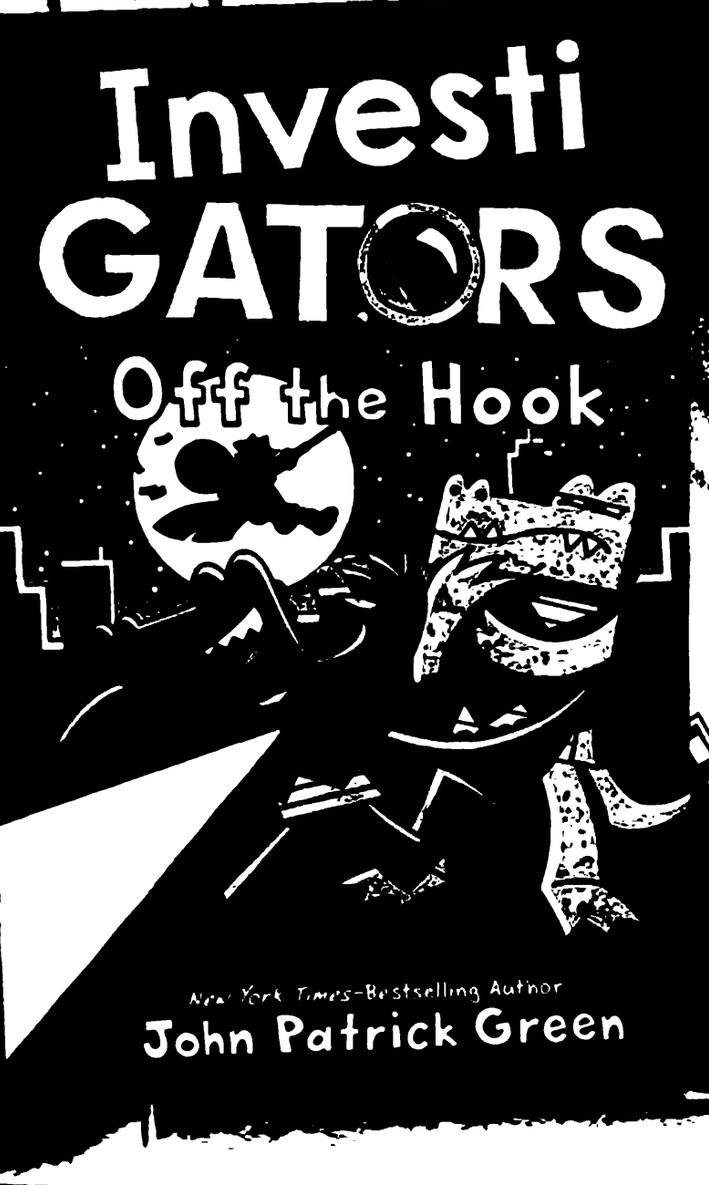

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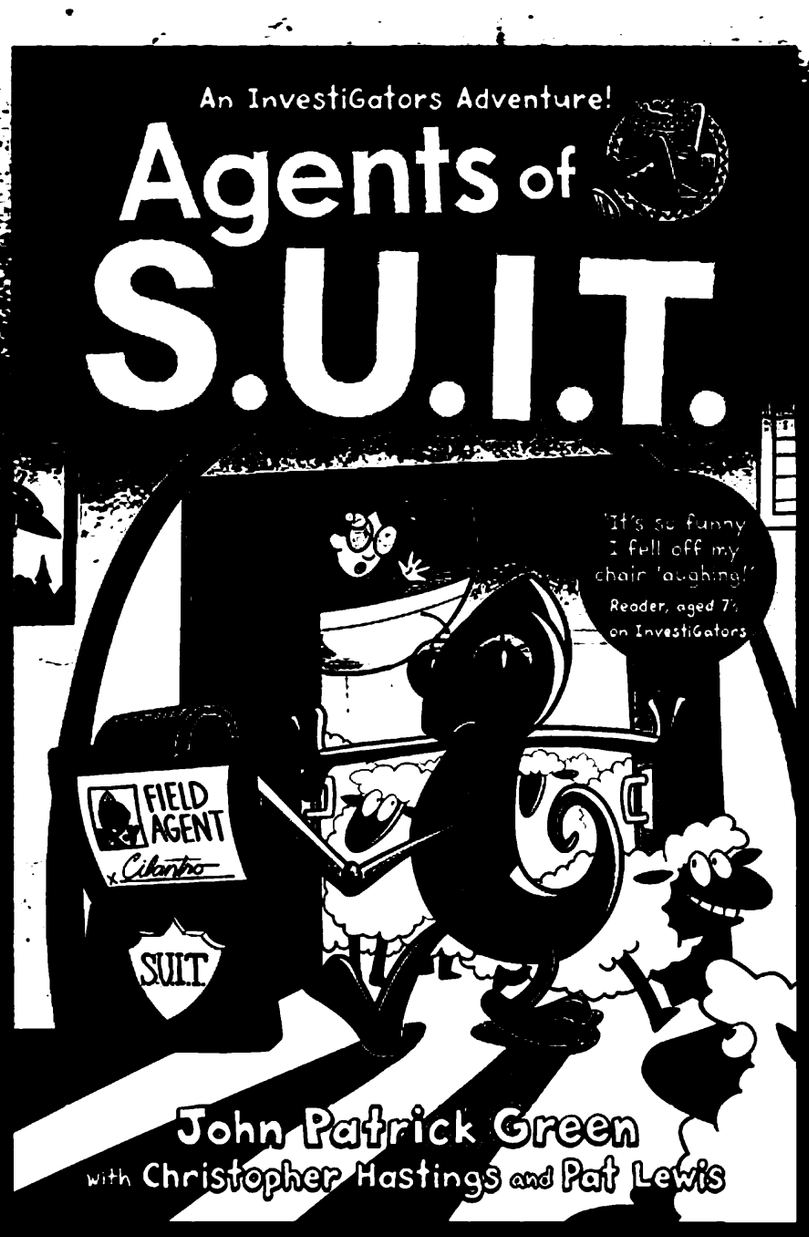
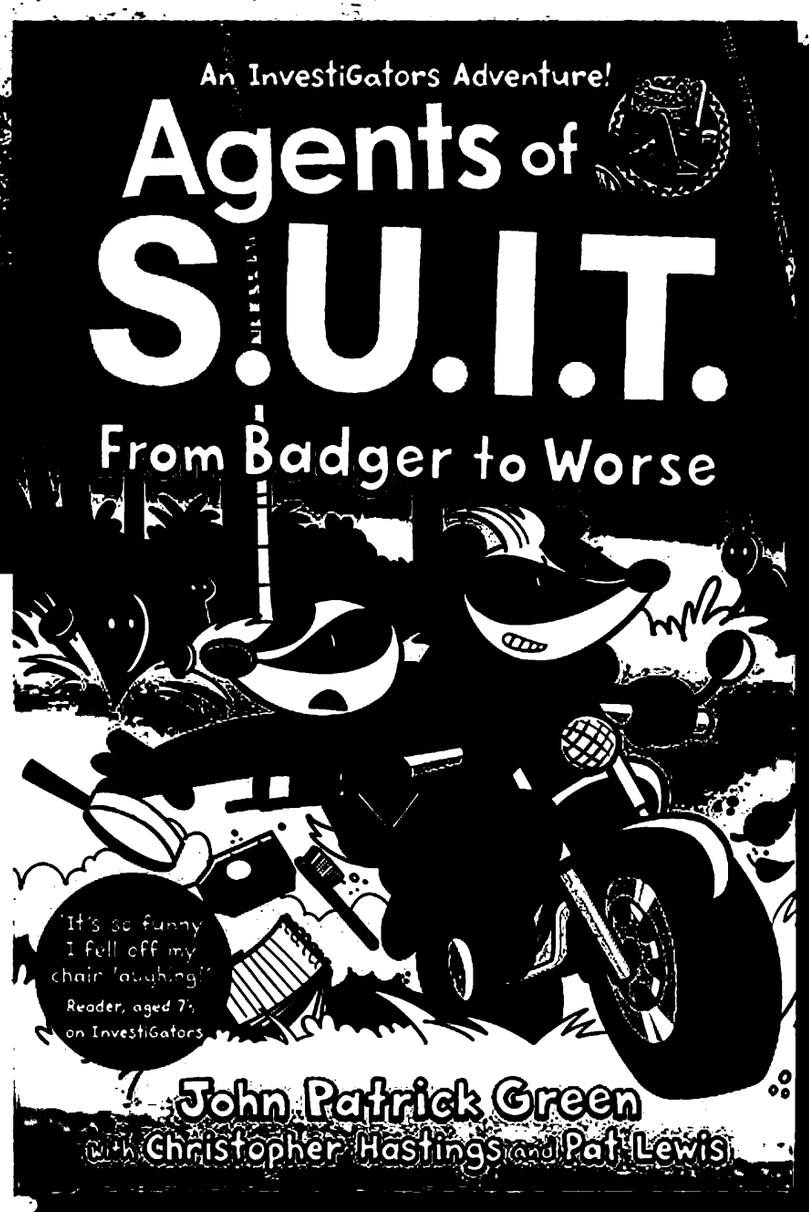


Meet the InvestiGator's colourful coworkers!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"It's so funny I fell off my chair laughing!"
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on InvestiGators
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with Christopher Hastings and Pat Lewis

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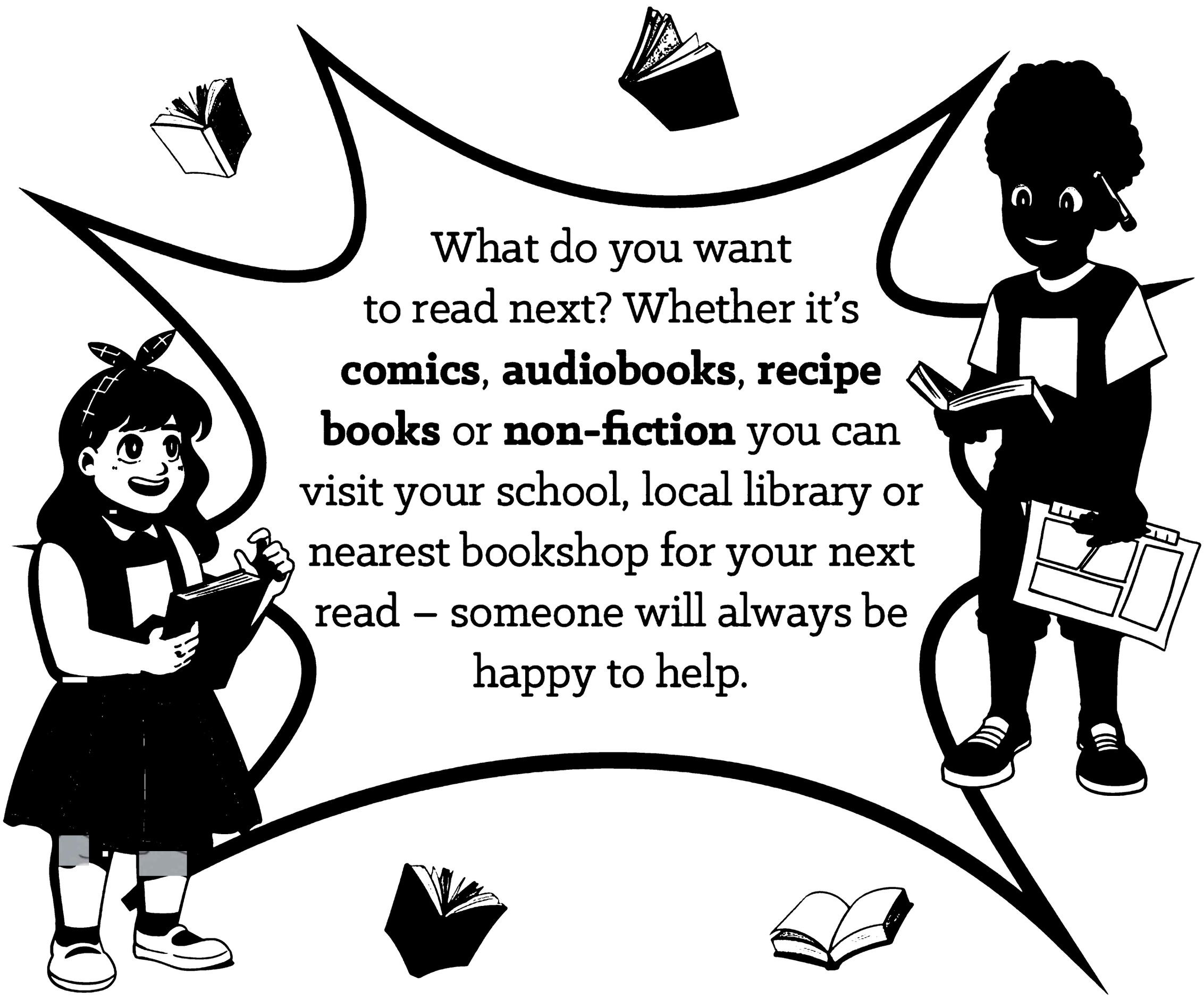
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